

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An optical pickup apparatus comprises first, second and third light sources to emit light fluxes of wavelength λ_1 , λ_2 and λ_3 for conducting recording and/or reproducing information for first, second and third optical information recording mediums having respective protective substrates of thickness t_1 , t_2 and t_3 and a diffractive optical element located on a common optical path for the first, second and third light sources. A converged-light spot is formed on the first optical information recording medium with m -th order diffracted-light ray of the wavelength λ_1 , on the second optical information recording medium with n -th order diffracted-light ray of the wavelength λ_2 , and on the third optical information recording medium with k -th order diffracted-light ray of the wavelength λ_3 generated by the diffractive optical element respectively, wherein one of m , n and k is different from one of other two numbers.